

REMARKS

Claims 57-76 are pending. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 77-87 will be pending, claims 57-76 having been canceled and new claims 77-87 added.

Support for the new claims can be found in the original claims and the specification. For example, new claim 77 finds support in the specification, page 1, lines 1-2; page 2, lines 1-5, 8-11, 15; page 4, lines 13-14, 16-22; and page 5; lines 21-24, and in the original claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, and 13. New claim 78 finds support in the specification, page 2, lines 15-19, and in the original claims 5 and 6, for example. New claim 79 finds support in the specification, page 2, lines 26-28, and in the original claim 7, for example. New claim 80 finds support in the specification, page 2, line 26 – page 3, line 1, and in the original claim 8, for example. New claim 81 finds support in the specification, page 3, lines 7-10, and in the original claim 9, for example. New claim 82 finds support in the specification, page 5, lines 3-5, and in the original claim 10, for example. New claim 83 finds support in the specification, page 4, lines 28-31, and in the original claim 15, for example. New claim 84 finds support in the specification, page 5, lines 14-16, and in the original claim 16, for example. New claim 85 finds support in the specification, page 3, lines 26-27, and in the original claim 17, for example. New claims 86 and 87 find support in the specification, page 3, lines 24-26, and in the original claim 18, for example. Accordingly, there are no issues of new matter.


Claims 59, 60, and 74 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michalke (DE 299 16 732 U1) in view of DeLine (US 6,172,613). Claims 59, 60, and 74 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot. Claims 77-87 define over the cited references.

In view of the above, each of the claims is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 606682000100.

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